The Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

The True Diary Rez vs. The Lakota Rez.

* You will be watching a 5 part series created by ABC News of the “Inside life on the Lakota Sioux Reservation – Hidden America: Children of the Plains.” You’ll be following a few individuals on the reservation.
* Your assignment is to write a compare and contrast essay (Four paragraphs) on the similaries and differences between the Spokane Indian Reservation in “True Diary” and the Lakota Sioux & Pine Reservations on ABC News.
* Each episode will cover a different aspect of life. Your job is to watch and take careful notes about what you see that are different and similar to what you have read in the novel. You should try to find between 4-5 points to identify between the novel and the documentaries.

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Part One – Story of Robert Lookstwice (search: Inside life on the Lakota Sioux reservation: Hidden America) (6:28 minutes)



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Part Two - Story of Louise Clifford (search: Suicide rates, alcoholism among Lakota tribe)(5:59 minutes)



Part Three – Story of Alaina (search: Lakota girl dreams of being next ‘American idol’) (6:47 minutes)



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Part Four – Story of Tashina Ironhorse (search: Lakota girl dances through family tragedy)



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Part Five – Story of Malory Ironmoccassin (search: Low life expectancy on Pine Ridge Reservation)